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SUBJECT: PEACE AND LOVE, PEDGE

REFERENCE: STATE 135953

1. UPON RECEIPT OF STATE 135953, I WAS ABSOLUTELY SPEECHLESS, A RARE STATE OF AFFAIRS HERE IN KINGSTON, AND FLABBERGASTED WITH THE CONTENTS THEREIN. I HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH MANLEY, EXCHANGED TWO NOTES JUST YESTERDAY, TURNED DOWN HIS OFFER TO ACCOMPANY HIM ALONE INTO THE HILLS TO REVIEW THE TROOPS, DISCUSSED VISA PROBLEMS AND KINGSTON'S NOW-DEPARTED DCM, SET UP SOME PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR THE TWO OF US ON MONDAY, AND GOD KNOWS WHAT ELSE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE DIALOGUE IS CONTINUOUS. AT NO TIME HAS MANLEY MENTIONED THE CONTENTS OF THE REFTEL AND THE WHOLE THING SMELLED FISHY TO ME.

2. BY THE TIME I HAD BUILT MYSELF INTO A PROPER RAGE (IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG) AND CALLED MANLEY ON THE TELEPHONE, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE HELICOPTER WAS OUTSIDE TO TAKE HIM TO THE TROOPS WITH THEIR ENGINES RUNNING, I ASKED HIM JUST WHAT THE HELL WAS GOING ON, REMINDING HIM OF OUR LONG STANDING COMMITMENT TO EACH OTHER THAT ANY PROBLEM THAT MIGHT EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO OF US PERSONALLY OR OUR GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE THOROUGHLY AIRED BETWEEN THE TWO OF US BEFORE GOING OUT TO THE APPENDAGES OF THE BUREAUCRACY.

3. SHOUTING AT MANLEY, I READ EXCERPTS FROM THE REFTEL AND HE WAS
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ABSOLUTELY AT A LOSS FOR WORDS, A FAULT HE SELDOM SHARES WITH

ME, UTTERING A SERIES OF OATHS IN WHICH IT WAS CLEAR HE DIDN'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT. I EXPLAINED TO MANLEY THAT NO DOCUMENT LEFT THIS EMBASSY SUGGESTING THE GOVERNMENT WAS GOING COMMUNIST OR ANYTHING LIKE IT, AND CERTAINLY WOULDN'T WITHOUT MY HAVING AN IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION ABOUT HIS IDEOLOGY, AND IN FACT THE NEWLY-ARRIVED POLITICAL OFFICER, WILLIAM T. BREER'S CURRENT INPUT (KINGSTON A-122, JUNE 21, 1973) HAD MOVED OUR ASSESSMENT OF HIS GOVERNMENT MORE TOWARD A MIDDLE-OF-THE-ROAD POSITION.

4. MANLEY REALLY DIDN'T CARE WHAT I SAID SINCE IT HADN'T OCCURED TO HIM THAT WE HADN'T HIM AS REFERRED TO BY FLETCHER. MUTTERING AND CURSING ABOUT ONE OF THE BOBSIE TWINS, SIR EGERTON RICHARDSON, WHO, LIKE THE PROVERBIAL SNAKE, IS APPARENTLY PRETTY TOUGH TO KILL, HE INFORMED ME HE WOULD HAVE RICHARDSON APPEAR BEFORE HIM AT FOUR THIS AFTERNOON AND WOULD DEMAND SOME FORM OF EXPLANATION AND WOULD REPORT RPT REPORT BACK TO ME.

5. I WAS STILL SHOUTING, THE ROTORS COULD BE HEARD IN THE BACKGROUND AND THERE WAS LITTE MORE TO BE SAID AT THIS POINT, SO MANLEY WOUND UP WITH THE APPROPRIATE QUOTE, "FOR GOD'S SAKE, PEACE AND LOVE, PEDGE."

6. COMMENT: THERE IS REALLY NOTHING HUMEROUS ABOUT THIS EVENT. THE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS EMBASSY PERSONNEL, AND PARTICULARLY MY SUCCESOR, SHOULD BE AWARE THAT IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THERE EXISTS THE USUAL LACK OF DISCIPLINE AND REPRESENTATIONS MADE IN WASHINGTON ON BEHALF OF KINGSTON QUITE OFTEN DO NOT REFLET THE POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE CHIEF OF MISSION HERE MAINTAIN A ONE-ON-ONE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRIME MINISTER WITH SPECIFIC UNDERSTANDING BY THE DEPT THAT MANY THINGS TAIN'T NECESSARILY SO UNTIL THE AMBASSADOR OR THE PRIME MINISTER HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO GO OVER THE PROBLEMS. DOCUMENTING THIS, MANLEY SAID TO ME THAT IF THE CONTENTS OF THE REFTEL HAD BEEN TRUE, HIS IMMEDIATE ACTION WOULD HAVE BEEN TO TELEPHONE ME FIRST IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO STRAIGHTEN THINGS OUT.

7. MANLEY IS A LOUSY LIAR, I KNOW HIM TOO WELL. IT IS OBVIOUS HE HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THESE EVENTS. WHAT A WAY TO START A DAY*

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